

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please add new drawing FIGURES 2 and 3.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph on page 1 beginning at line 10:

-- It is known to provide emergency guidance systems and emergency lights in buildings.

B1 Such prior art lighting systems shown, for example in Fig. 2, are typically centralized and are often characterized by the presence of a spotlight or pair of spotlights 200, also commonly referred to as "bug eyes" that are mounted toward the ceiling on a wall 202 and contain a battery 204 which is rechargeable from an AC supply. On loss of power or receipt of other external input signal, the emergency lights throughout the building illuminate. --

Please add the following paragraphs on page 5 beginning at line 17:

B2 -- Fig 2 is a schematic illustration of an area illuminated with a "bug eyes" lighting system of the prior art.

Fig. 3 is a schematic illustration of an area illuminated by the distributed emergency lighting system of the present invention.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 6 beginning at line 1:

B3 -- In a limited lighting area version, such as a single room for example, as described in further detail hereinbelow in connection with Fig. 3, the components of the emergency lighting system can be mounted in a conventional light switch box 230 and recessed within a wall or mounted in any convenient well-known manner on the wall or other desired location to permit retrofitting to a desired area or several areas on an individualized basis; that is, one system per area in existing buildings. In a larger lighting area version, such as an entire floor for example, the components of the emergency lighting system can be mounted in a NEMA enclosure to provide the additional space necessary to accommodate the larger components associated with a larger system.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 9 beginning at line 17 and ending at page 10, line 7:

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-- ~~Illumination~~ As schematically illustrated for example in Fig. 3, illumination or emergency low-level path marking 150 of the predetermined designated area 160 is provided by a strip of electroluminescent (EL) lamp material 210 approximately two inches wide or of any suitable width which is mounted along the floor 212 or in the vicinity of the baseboard area of a room or other area to provide a visual delineation of the path of egress 214 in an emergency condition or to illuminate an "EXIT" sign 216 placed at floor level. The illumination of the area 160 to be lit by the emergency lighting system is provided from an electroluminescent (EL) panel strip 220 of indeterminate length that is mounted on the wall along the baseboard of a room or other such area required to be lit in accordance with the code requirements to place the required amount of illumination intensity on the floor surface 212. The emergency lighting system of the present invention overcomes another disadvantage associated with the "bug eye" type emergency lighting systems in which the bug eye lights are typically mounted near the ceiling. In the event of a fire, smoke rises and diffuses and reduces the illumination capabilities of a bug eye emergency light. In contrast, mounting the electroluminescent (EL) strip 220 on the wall along the baseboard provides light on the floor area where the light is required and such illumination would not be affected by smoke until the room is substantially smoke-filled. In addition, providing the electroluminescent (EL) strip 210 along the baseboard allows existing building structures to be retrofitted with emergency lighting at a substantial cost savings and time savings over conventional emergency lighting systems using dedicated electrical circuits. Additionally, the emergency lights can be placed specifically where needed such as in interior, windowless rooms, staircase hallways and other such areas. --